ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A set of interfaces and data structures (i.e., a demultiplexer API) represents a

demultiplexer of multimedia data. The data structure utilizes a number of fields, each

containing an element of a command. In one embodiment, at least seven commands are

formed for proper operation of the demultiplexer, including Initialize,

SetPresentationDescriptor, GetPresentationDescriptor,

GetPendingPresentationDescriptor, ProcessInput, ProcessOutput, and Flush commands.

The demultiplexer API allows the consumer to use muxed stream data such as DV in a

uniform manner to generate elementary stream data such as audio and video (compressed

or uncompressed) and allows demultiplexers to be used as an independent component.

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